Section 33.

Mr. Subba Iyer proposed that, in Sub-section (2), at the end of Clause (e) the word "and" be omitted, and after Clause (d) the following be added :—

"(e) provide for the retention and repayment to the addressee, in cases of fraud, of money recovered on the delivery of any value payable Anchal article; and

(f) prescribe the fees to be charged for enquiries into complaints regarding the delivery of or payment for value payable Anchal articles."

Seconded by Mr. Kuruvila Varkki.

Carried.

Mr. Subba Iyer also proposed that, after Sub-section (3), the following be added :—

"(4) 'No suit or other legal proceeding shall be instituted against Our Government or any officer of the Anchal Department in respect of anything done, or in good faith purporting to be done, under any rule made under Clause (e) of Sub-section (2).

Seconded by Mr. Aiyappan Pillai.

Carried.

Section 37.

Mr. Vieyra proposed that, for the sake of uniformity, the word "Anchal" occurring before the word "cards" in line 1, Clause (a) of the proviso, be omitted.

Seconded by Mr. Kuruvila Varkki.

Carried.

Section 42.

Mr. Subba Iyer proposed that the following be added to the Section, the punctuation at the end of Clause (d) being altered into a semicolon :—

"or

(*e*) any wrong payment or delay in payment of an Anchal hundee beyond the limits of Travancore by an officer of any Anchal office not being one established by Our Government."

Seconded by Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer.

Carried.

Chapter IX.

Mr. Krishnan Nair proposed that the words 'Penalties and' be inserted before 'Procedure' occurring as the heading of the Chapter.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

Section 46.

Mr. Kesava Pillai proposed that the words "or criminal breach of trust" be inserted between the words "theft" and "in" in line 3.

Seconded by Mr. Madhavan Tampy.

Mr. Subba Iyer said that criminal breach of trust by a public servant was a far graver offence, being punishable under Section 410 of the Penal Code with imprisonment for life or 10 years, and hence the amendment should not be accepted.

After some discussion, the Council resolved that the amendment be dropped.

Section 51 A.

Mr. Subba Iyer said that no penalty appeared to have been prescribed for the contravention of the provisions of Section 6, under which certain persons were expressly forbidden from conveying letters. He therefore proposed that the following be inserted as Section 51 A :—

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"51 A. (1) Whoever, in contravention of the provisions of Section 6, carries, receives, tenders or delivers letters, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty rupees for every such letter.

Penalty for contravention of Section 6.

(2) Whoever, having once been convicted of an offence under this Section, is again convicted thereunder, shall, on every such subsequent conviction, be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees."

Seconded by Mr. Mahadeva Iyer.

Carried.

Section 53.

Mr. Mahadeva Iyer proposed that the word 'any' occurring between the words "or" and "thing" in line 6, Clause (1), be omitted, the amendment being merely verbal.

Seconded by Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer.

Carried.

Mr. Subba Iyer then moved that the Bill, as amended by the Council, be read again on a future day of which notice should be given.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE BILL.

Mr. Subba Iyer presented the report of the Select Committee on the Hackney Carriage Bill and moved that the report and the Bill be taken up for consideration.

Seconded by Mr. Aiyappan Pillai.

Carried.

Section 6, Sub-section (3).

Mr. Sesha Iyer thought that this Sub-section might more properly be inserted between Sections 8 and 9, as a separate Section. He therefore proposed that Sub-section (3) of this Section be inserted as Section A after Section 8.

Seconded by Mr. Aiyappan Pillai.

Carried.

Section 8, Clauses (c) & (f).

Mr. Sesha Iyer said that there might be carriages drawn by a single bullock and rickshaws drawn by more than one person and thought that the Section should cover such cases. He therefore proposed that, for the word 'bullocks', the words 'one or more bullocks' be substituted at the end of Clause (c) and that, for the words "a man", the words "one or more men" be substituted at the end of Clause (f).

Seconded by Mr. Parameswaran Pillai.

Carried.

Section 24, Clause (2).

Mr. Sesha Iyer proposed that the word "pledges" be substituted for the word "mortgages", the former being the proper legal term in the case of moveables.

Seconded by Mr. Kesava Pillai.

Carried.

Section 28.

Mr. Krishnan Nair proposed that the word "penalty" which is the term in the corresponding Section of the British Act, be substituted for the word "fine" inserted by the Select Committee between the words "the" and "inflicted" in lines

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7 and 8 of the Section and the words 'amount of the' occurring in line 7 of the Section be omitted.

Seconded by Mr. Subba Iyer.

Carried.

Section 44, Clause (1).

Mr. Sesha Iyer proposed that the word "Sub-Inspector" be substituted for the word "Inspector" between the words "the" and "or" in line 8, the former being the class of officers now in charge of Police Stations.

Seconded by Mr. Kesava Pillai.

Carried.

Section 47, Clause (1).

Mr. Sesha Iyer thought that the limitation period of thirty days allowed for complaints was unduly long and proposed that the word "ten" be substituted for the word "thirty" between the words "within" and "days" in line 6.

Seconded by Mr. Madhavan Nampy.

Carried.

Section 51.

Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer proposed that the words "With the sanction" be substituted for the words "Subject to the control" at the beginning of the Section.

Seconded by Mr. Aiyappan Pillai.

Carried.

Mr. Subba Iyer then moved that the Bill, thus amended by the Council, be read again on a future day of which due notice should be given.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

THE HINDU RELIGIOUS ENDOWMENTS REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Iyer moved that the Hindu Religious Endowments Regulation Amendment Bill be finally read and passed.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Iyer moved that the Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Bill be finally read and passed.

The motion was put and agreed to.

THE LAND ACQUISITION REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Iyer presented the report of the Select Committee on the Land Acquisition Regulation Amendment Bill and moved that the consideration of the Bill be adjourned for the next meeting of the Council.

The motion was put and agreed to.

The Council adjourned at 5-30 P. M.

P. RAJAGOPALA CHARI,

President.

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